



David School Messenger

DAVID WALLWORK, CATHERINE THOMAS and MICHAEL HOULDEN recently returned from a trip to the school and these are the highlights of their visit.



THE HEAD TEACHER GRADUATES

After studying in his spare time, as well as teaching and running the school, Morlai M Koroma has gained his BEd. His graduation ceremony took place in Freetown and was attended by David, Catherine and Michael.



THE GIRDLERS HELP THE CHILDREN'S READING



The Girdlers' Company, one of the City of London's Livery Companies, has recently donated further money to the David School Trust, and this is being used to introduce a reading scheme based on computer programs, which is designed to promote the understanding and speaking of English, as well as improving reading.



This was trialled with two machines during the visit, with pupils aged 6+, and they loved it. It was so successful that it's planned to purchase ten more computers plus headsets and software to expand the project. Scheme allows for individual work through a planned course with pupils' success logged as a percentage, and it's easy for teachers to spot areas needing attention.



A new area for these computers was also prepared. It's hoped to have everything in place for the new term in September, or soon afterwards.

This will make a substantial difference to the achievement of all pupils as their exams are in English, which is not always easy for our tribal children.

A big thank you to the Girdlers for their support.

A LITTLE MONEY MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



In Sierra Leone, a seemingly small donation can make a tremendous difference. Aminata's poor eye sight was really causing her problems, but she has been bought a pair of prescription spectacles for NLe900 which is equivalent to only £30.



OTHER ACTIVITIES



- ✓ Basic Maintenance of the buildings including painting.
- ✓ Sorting out issues regarding the local bank link with our UK account.
- ✓ Solving staffing issues.
- ✓ Community relations.



- ✓ Spending lots of time talking to pupils in English, and encouraging those about to start exams.
- ✓ Playing football
- ✓ The primary pupils were fed every school day, thanks to government funding.



DOMINOES PROVE TO BE POPULAR



David introduced the pupils to dominoes. It's good for number group recognition as well as a good social pastime when they have to use English, as well as being fun.
The children really enjoyed it.



WITHOUT YOU WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL
WE CURRENTLY NEED



Bars of soap



Laptops



Toothbrushes & toothpaste



Early Years Reading books



Sanitary pads



Shoes & trainers
(children's size 10 and bigger)



Grey boys' shorts & girls red gingham dresses



CASH DONATIONS



BACS payments can be made to
THE DAVID SCHOOL TRUST SORT CODE 20-43-63 ACCOUNT NUMBER 33469395
If you are a UK tax payer, we can claim an extra 25% from Gift Aid.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT